

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: RAASMAJA, Atso et al. Conf.:
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For: METHOD FOR GENE TRANSFECTION USING
SYNERGISTIC COMBINATIONS OF CATIONIC
LIPIDS AND CATIONIC POLYMERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

November 13, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

11. (Amended) The composition of claim 1 for use in transfecting a host cell of a subject with the nucleic acids comprising DNA, RNA and synthetic nucleic acids including plasmid nucleic acids, genomic DNA, nongenomic DNA, nonviral expression plasmids, viral vectors and oligonucleotides.

12. (Amended) The composition of claim 1 for use in transfecting a host cell of a subject with a DNA plasmid containing one or more specific genes.

13. (Amended) Use of the composition of claim 1 for synergistic potentiation of transfection efficiency.

REMARKS

The amendment to the claims is to delete improper multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the present amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application are earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The claims have been amended as follows:

11. (Amended) The composition of [any one of claims 1 to 10]claim 1 for use in transfecting a host cell of a subject with the nucleic acids comprising DNA, RNA and synthetic nucleic acids including plain nucleic acids, genomic DNA, nongenomic DNA, nonviral expression plasmids, viral vectors and oligonucleotides.

12. (Amended) The composition of [any one of claims 1 to 10]claim 1 for use in transfecting a host cell of a subject with a DNA plasmid containing one or more specific genes.

13. (Amended) Use of the composition of [any one of claims 1 to 12]claim 1 for synergistic potentiation of transfection efficiency.